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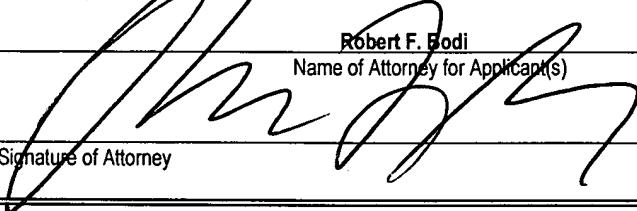
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Sir:

These remarks are filed in response to the Final Office Action dated July 26, 2005 (Paper No. 050712). The three-month period for responding to the Office Action expires on October 26, 2005.

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